

gress. If, seeing the force of the argument, and feeling the pressure of the obligation, he should endeavor to lift his feeble, trembling affections from the things of earth and fix them on the eternal God, he must utterly fail. If we were left to ourselves we could not love God. But we are not left to ourselves. The love of God is an inward force as well as a powerful argument. "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, which is given unto us." His love toward us is displayed not only in the gift of His Son, but also in the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. The inward manifestation of this love conquers.

No one can tell how God sheds abroad His love in the human heart. It is a deep mystery, but it is also a tremendous fact. We do not know how a mother sheds abroad her love in the heart of her child. It is a profound mystery, but a beautiful fact. Taking her child into her arms, looking down into its innocent eyes, pressing it to her bosom, covering its sweet face with her kisses, she makes it feel and know that she loves it. The child cannot understand one word she says. It does not know the meaning of the word love or mother. But deep down in its innocent soul it feels the kindlings of a mother's love. The child's heart is strangely warmed. The mother sheds abroad her love in the heart of her child. Her child does not try to love her. Nothing more is needed than an open heart.

Some Christians deplore the feebleness of their love to God. They pray for more love. An open soul is all that is required to secure an outpouring which there will not be room to receive. Not long ago a religious paper contained an account of a gentleman of wealth and influence who was taken ill. Being much troubled about the feebleness of his love to God, he complained to one of his brethren that his heart was cold. This is the answer he received:

"When I leave you I shall go to my residence, and the first thing I expect to do is to call my baby. I expect to place her on my knee, and look down into her sweet eyes, and listen to her charming prattle, and, tired as I am, her presence will rest me, for I love that child with unutterable tenderness. But the fact is, she loves me little. If my heart was breaking, it would not disturb her sleep. If my body was racked with excruciating pain, it would not interrupt her play. If I were dead, she would be amused in watching my pale face and closed eyes. If my friends came to remove the corpse to the place of burial, she would probably clap her hands in glee, and in two or three days totally forget her papa. Besides this, she has never brought me a penny, but has been a constant expense on my hands ever since she was born. Yet, tho I am not rich, there is not money enough in the world to buy my baby. How is it? Does she love me, or do I love her? Do I withhold my love until I know she loves me? Am I waiting for

her to do something worthy of my love before extending it to her?"

"O, I see it," said the sick man, while the tears ran down his cheeks, "I see it clearly. It is not my love to God, but God's love to me I ought to be thinking about. And I do love Him now as I never loved Him before."

The love of God will be shed abroad in every heart that is not closed against it. It is as free as the sunshine. It shines everywhere. If we could only recognize this fact and open our hearts to the light, our souls would be dissolved in divine love.

"I say to thee, do thou repeat,
To the first man thou mayest meet
In field or lane or open street,
That he, and we, and all men move
Under a canopy of love
As broad as the blue sky above.

"And ere thou leave him, say thou this
Yet one word more, They only miss
The winning of that final bliss
Who will not count it true that love,
Blessing, not cursing, rules above,
And that in it we all live and move."

Missions

Treasurer's Report of the S. S. C. E., for the Month of February

THEOLOGICAL FUND

Sergeantsville, N. J., S. S. C. E.,	\$ 1 25
Fair View, Ohio,	50
Middlebranch, O.,	2 00
Maple Grove, Ind.,	75
Oakville, Ind.,	3 00
New Paris, Ind.,	50
Corinth, Ind.,	1 80
Allentown, Pa.,	1 25
Philadelphia, Pa.,	3 00
Lanark, Ill.,	1 50
Dayton, Va.,	50
Falls City, Neb.,	1 00
Carleton, Neb.,	2 20
New Virginia, Iowa,	80
Waterloo, Iowa,	65
Balance,	\$20 70

FOREIGN MISSION

Reported,	\$32 28
Godfrey, Kansas, S. S. C. E.,	13 48
Tiosa, Ind.,	75
Dayton, Virginia,	50
Balance,	\$46 93

HOME MISSIONS

Reported,	\$126 75
Maple Grove, Ind., S. S. C. E.,	75
Fair View, Ohio,	60
Allentown, Pa.,	1 25
Dayton, Va.,	50
Turlock, Calif.,	1 00
Hudson, Iowa,	1 80
Mexico, Ind.,	2 00
New Paris, Ind.,	70
To Treasurer of N. M. B.,	\$135 35
Balance,	\$10 00
Balance,	\$125 35

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND

Reported,	\$ 98 53
Bethesda church, Ohio, per Mrs. Wise,	1 09
Middlebranch church, O.,	3 42
Middlebranch O., S. S. C. E.,	2 27
Dayton, O.,	1 72

Fair View, O., S. S. C. E.,	50
N. Manchester, Ind.,	2 10
Falls City, Neb.,	1 00
Philadelphia, Pa.,	3 00
Sergeantsville, N. J.,	1 25
Millersburg, Iowa,	1 50
Waterloo, Iowa,	65
Mrs. W. A. Switzer on pledge,	1 00
Miss Alma Hardman in full on pledge,	5 00

\$123 03

Withdrawn for Holsinger fund, \$10 00

Balance, \$113 03

HOLSINGER FUND

From S. M. fund,	\$10 00
To Brother Holsinger,	\$10 00

NICHOLSON FUND

Previously reported,	\$6 70
To Brother Nicholson,	5 00

Balance, \$11 70

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R. R. 3., South Bend, Ind.

From the National Capital

Since my last letter, Dr. D. L. Shaver of Maurertown, Virginia, made a flying visit to the Capital and while here gave us a short call. We were very glad to see the doctor and wish he could have been with us longer. He has been a good friend to this mission from its beginning.

We have also been favored with a visit from Elder Otis P. Ebert of the German Baptist church, whose home is near Laurel Dale, West Virginia. He was with us at our prayer meeting last night and gave us a short talk which was much appreciated. He was just returning from Philadelphia where he had spent several weeks in the hospital. He passed thru a surgical operation while there which seems to have been a great success and we rejoice with him at the restoration of his health.

We are glad to be able to say that our prospects are very encouraging at the present time. The warm weather is upon us but so far the congregations have been good, and several more seem almost persuaded to unite with the church. I believe they will come in the near future. And then we have special reason to feel encouraged because of the financial results. The monthly reports made thru Brother Cassel in EVANGELIST speak for themselves and will prove to the general brotherhood that the Washington City mission believes in practicing the art of giving, and for several months has almost reached the self-supporting mark. Watch for the June report. It will be the biggest surprise of all. We do not write this boastfully, excepting as we may boast in the Lord, but I know that the hearts of many will rejoice with us in these things. We give God all the praise. But dear brethren and sisters, we are not yet ready to say "enough." We will still need not only your prayers but some financial help. Some have responded lately. Let others follow and thus help cancel all arrearages, put us square on our feet once, and the margin needed for the future of the work will be but a nominal sum. The help